

For our Lord God, has given me other gifts
that I can use. . . .
For your coming though to me, loud and
clear. . . .
For I've developed my senses, so much greater
so here. . . .
We're all the same!
Some of us even, have the same names. . . .
So hear me!
Do not fear me!
Be near me, be my friend. . . . so tried and
true. . . .
There's, so much more we can learn about
each other. . . . me and you
For, I can hear you!
In our world, there is such a special bond.
. . . .
That, in the quiet world is so formed. . . .
At first, you may not understand. . . . but
it's in our heart where it is born. . . .
I can teach you!
I can reach you!
In all I do!
Life lesson's so very true. . . .
For, I will not give up!
Nor give in!
On this Inauguration Day, I see how far
dreams can take you to!
And yet I ask, "Why, must children have so
much courage then so too?"
For some things, are so hard to understand
. . . .
As where faith must begin and end. . . .
Reach out, and take my hand. . . .
Let's be friends, me and you. . . .
There's so much more together we can learn
and do!
Little children as Heroes should not have to
be. . . . but are put on this earth for all
to teach!
Can you hear me?
I can hear you!
And one day up in Heaven. . . . I know, my
Lord I will view. . . .
And, I will begin to cry. . . .
When, I look into his eyes. . . . and I hear for
the first time. . . .
My very first words!
"I love you!"

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, Science
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry University

Address of Requesting Entity: 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, FL 33161

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 to fund Phase II of the Institute for Collaborative Sciences Research which is intended to create a state-of-the-art research infrastructure through new laboratory and teaching space in health care and physical sciences programs. The focus of the Institute will be to prepare minority leaders for future work in

healthcare professions while facilitating important research that has a direct benefit on minority populations in my South Florida community.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Department of Energy, Science
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade College Hialeah Campus

Address of Requesting Entity: 1780 W 49th Street, Hialeah, FL 33012

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 to implement a Physical and Biological Sciences Laboratory Learning Center at Miami Dade College's Hialeah Campus. Funding will develop both face-to-face and virtual Physical and Biological Science labs, and technology-enhanced learning systems to support student recruitment, retention and graduation rates in Science career fields. Having these options will allow students to use technology to conduct experiments and test hypotheses in class under the direct supervision of an instructor or in the traditional wet lab setting. The Physical and Biological Sciences Laboratory Learning Center at MDC-Hialeah Campus will promote graduation rates in degree programs in the sciences fields. The national need for college educated workers in STEM fields is well documented.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 for dredging of the Miami Harbor at the Port of Miami which includes the design, preparation of plans and specifications for bidding. The Chief of Engineers has recommended the deepening project to 50–52 feet and Congress has authorized the project (Title I, Water Resources Development Act of 2007). It is essential that the Planning, Engineering, and Design (PED) begin in FY09. Extended delay in the proposed dredging improvements could be detrimental to the economy of South Florida and the nation. Cargo growth at the Port of Miami has been phenomenally strong. However, the industry standard container ship is becoming larger, and the Port cannot handle the newer ships without deeper channels. In addition, the Port has been facing increasing competition from foreign ports with existing significantly deeper channels and faces lost business to foreign ports (such as Freeport).

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY2010

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Florida Water Management District

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Description of Request: I have secured \$210,239,000 to continue authorized projects

included in the comprehensive South Florida Everglades Ecosystem Restoration project.

RECOGNIZING BISBEE'S WARREN PARK

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a small but historically significant outpost of the great American pastime: Warren Ballpark in Bisbee, Arizona.

Baseball was invented, nurtured, and popularized in our great Nation. We are well aware of how this uniquely American game saw us through two world wars, a Great Depression, and innumerable challenges, both at home and abroad. Baseball is a fixed star; it will always be with us to bolster our spirits in times of need—times such as we face today.

It is with this storied past in mind that I recognize Bisbee's Warren Ballpark on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Warren Ballpark probably is not well-known outside of my district in southeastern Arizona but its place in baseball's history is as sure as a homerun. It is truly a field of dreams.

A recent editorial in the Sierra Vista Herald captured the essence of my message today: "The story of our ballpark is representative of a time when baseball was THE spectator sport and when every community of size and significance had its own minor league team."

The first game at Warren Ballpark was played between the home team and a team from El Paso, Texas, on June 27th, 1909—three years before Arizona became a state! At the time, Bisbee was a booming mining town with a population close to that of Tucson and Phoenix. The year that first game was played was also the year that one of Arizona's most renowned political figures, Barry Goldwater, was born and the year that the famed Apache warrior, Geronimo, died. In 1909 William Howard Taft assumed the Presidency from Theodore Roosevelt and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

Much has happened since the glory days of Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner. Our Nation, my State and the game of baseball have all undergone countless changes. Yet Warren Ballpark remains. It is, therefore, appropriate that this body acknowledge Warren Ballpark as a historical treasure for our Nation and the community of Bisbee.

Warren Ballpark, it has been home to minor league teams affiliated with major league teams such as the Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Cleveland Indians. The park saw the beginning of many great careers and hosted players who not only entertained America on the field, but protected her off the field as they answered the call of duty in World Wars I and II and the Korean war.

Baseball is still played on the old field of Warren Ballpark. The local high school team, the Bisbee Pumas, plays its games there, as does the Bisbee Copper Kings. The games draw enthusiastic supporters from Bisbee and surrounding communities.

Mike Anderson, founding member of Friends of Warren Ballpark, stated it well. He said "this is baseball on an intimate basis—the type of

thing that can never take place on a television screen, nor can it be replicated in a cavernous facility where one has to look at a scoreboard video screen to see the expression on a player's face." To those who have the good fortune of attending a game at Warren Ballpark, it is history, and life, and community all rolled into one.

I commend this local and national treasure for the 100 years of entertainment and enjoyment it has given to the community and for its unique place in the history of our national pastime.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 3183, The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act contains the following funding:

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name Requesting Entity: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Nashville District

Address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District at 110 9th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee

Description of Request: The Chickamauga Lock is a major economic engine in the Tennessee Valley region. Commodities passing through the lock have origins and destinations in 17 states in the South, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions, traveling an average 1,400 miles. Over the last several years, 2.5 million tons passed through the lock annually, and the forecasted traffic demand is expected to grow considerably. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates that replacement of the existing lock is far more economical than continuing costly maintenance and repair. Funding in the amount of \$1 million is included for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to replace the Chickamauga Lock.

Distribution of funding: Construction 100%

Requesting Member: Representative ZACH WAMP

Account: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name Requesting Entity: U.S. Corp of Engineers—Nashville District

Address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District at 110 9th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee

Description of Request: The current Chickamauga Lock has been in operation on the Tennessee River since 1940 and is a major economic engine in the Tennessee Valley region. As use of the lock is increasing, the infrastructure is severely aging, jeopardizing its ability to support additional traffic loads. An extensive maintenance program, well beyond what is normally conducted, is underway to extend the life of the current lock until the replacement lock can be built. Funding in the

amount of \$3.775 million is required for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fix and replace gates, pumps, piping and tension connections to the guide wall.

Distribution of funding: Maintenance 100%

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Spunky Bottoms Restoration, Brown County, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Biofuels Manufactures Inc. at 801 W. Main Street, Peoria, IL 61606.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to create a new biofuels manufacturing plant using innovated feedstocks.

I also submit the below detailed explanation of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration, IL, IA, MN, MO, & WI

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to continue projects which are vital to the ecological restoration of the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway, including habitat creation and long-term monitoring.

I also submit the below detailed explanation of the Emiquon Floodplain Restoration, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Continuing Authorities Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to restore the Illinois River floodplain within the Thompson Drainage and Levee District.

I also submit the below detailed explanation of the Spunky Bottoms Restoration, Brown County, IL

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act

Provisions/Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Continuing Authorities Program

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Description of Request: The funding would provide habitat restoration along the Illinois

River by reconnecting the river with the backwater lakes and wetlands that once existed along the river.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chamber South

Address of Requesting Entity: 6410 SW 80th Street, South Miami, FL 33143

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 to start a job incubator program in Richmond Heights, Florida. Richmond Heights is a part of unincorporated Miami-Dade County with a predominant African-American population. Due to the recent economic recession, the population of Richmond Heights has experienced severe job loss. Chamber South works to foster economic and job growth in South Florida, especially Richmond Heights. They bring together local business, government entities such as the SBA and local residents to encourage economic production.

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, FY2010

Account: Small Business Administration, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade College

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33132

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 to establish an Institute for Intermodal Transportation to provide careers addressing the future needs of the transportation industry. A major focus is to provide small businesses with opportunities to train and retrain their workforce, as well as providing certifications and degree programs. The Intermodal Transportation Training Center allows MDC to effectively meet the training requirements of all forms of transportation, and transportation related activities. The planned location of the Intermodal Transportation Center is at the Miami International Airport (MIA), which would situate the School in close proximity to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) currently under construction. This location would serve as a benefit to both the MIC and the school as a trained and skilled workforce is developed by the School to meet the ongoing employment needs at the MIC. Courses at MIA are set to begin January 2010.